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Lingfield FC was formed in 1893, initially competing in the now defunct Edenbridge \& District League for the first 20 years of its history. Throughout virtually all their history the club has retained its distinctive red and yellow colours, albeit in a variety of guises.
After much success in junior and local intermediate football the club applied to join the Sussex County League (and senior football) in 1980, but were turned down after the ground was deemed inadequate. However, Lingfield had more success with the Combined Counties League, which they joined the following season (1980/81). In 1981/82 Lingfield finished as runners-up in Division Two of the Eastern Division.
Lingfield installed floodlights for the first time in 1983 and they were christened with a match on 2nd March against Brighton, a game that drew a crowd of 1,200. With floodlights in place, the club was finally accepted into Division Two of the County League, with the promise of less traveling and more local derbies to look forward to. After three seasons however, they were relegated to Division Three, and intermediate football once more.
In 1993/94 Lingfield returned to senior football as runners-up to Bosham, but it proved to be a brief return, with relegation following the next season. In 1997/98 however, the club was promoted once more, this time as champions of Division Three, but again struggled to maintain senior status. In 2000 they finished bottom but avoided the drop, but were not as lucky with an identical finish the following year. 2001/02 saw Lingfield close to dropping out of the League altogether after they finished bottom of Division Three, only to be saved by the merger of Ansty Rangers and St. Francis Hospital to form St. Francis Rangers. The following two seasons however, saw a steady improvement, finishing 3rd in the table (albeit 8 points behind second-placed Bexhill United) in 2004/05. The club also reached the final of the Division 3 Challenge Cup, but lost 1-3 to Rustington. In 2005/06 the Club fulfilled its promise of the previous season by going one better and returning to senior football after an absence of five years as runners -up to champions Peacehaven \& Telscombe. Lingfield
finished five points clear of third-placed Rustington, but the West Sussex club was once again to prove their nemesis in the Challenge Cup, beating Lingfield 12-11 on penalties after the two sides had drawn 1-1 in normal time. Astonishingly, the shoot-out saw no fewer than 32 spot kicks taken!
In 2006/07 the club finished in 10th position but in 2007/08 under manager Steve Perkins Jnr, secured promotion to Division 1 for the first time in their history by finishing as runners-up to East Grinstead Town.
In their first season in Div 1 in season 2008/09 the club finished in a highly respectable 8th position, under manager Steve Perkins Jnr.
In 2009-10 season Lingfield finished in 10th position in Div 1
In 2010-11 season Lingfield finished in 11th position in Div 1
In 2011-12 season Lingfield finished in 7th position in Div 1
In 2012-13 season Lingfield finished in 6th position in Div 1
In 2013-14 season Lingfield finished in 15 th position in Div 1
In 2014-15 season Lingfield finished in 17th position in the SECL
In 2015-16 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in Div 1
In 2016-17 season Lingfield finished in 5th position in Div 1
In 2017-18 season Lingfield finished in 3rd position in Div 1 and promoted to the Prem Division
In 2018-19 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in the Prem and also won the Surrey FA Premier County Cup
In 2019/20 season Lingfield's season was abandoned and was null and void due to Covid-19


## LEAGUE HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Division Two: Runners-up: 2007-08
Sussex County Football League Division Three: Champions: 1997-98
Runners-up: 1993-94, 2005-06
Combined Counties Football League East Div.:
Runners-up: 1981-82
Redhill and District Football League Division
One: Runners-up: 1958-59
Mid-Sussex Football League Premier Division: Champions: 1992-93
Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'A':
Champions: 1977-78, 1978-79
Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'B':
Champions: 1976-77
Surrey Junior League:
Champions: 1913-14
Edenbridge and Caterham League:
Champions: 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1952-53
Runners-up: 1948-49
East Grinstead League:
Champions: 1932-33
Edenbridge League:
Champions: 1905-06, 1908-09, 1909-10,
1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1922-23,
1929-30

## CUP HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Div. Three Cup:
Runners-up: 2004-05, 2005-06
Redhill and District FL Alderman Daniels Cup:
Runners-up: 1968-69
Surrey County Centenary Cup:
Winners: 1977-78
Surrey FA Premier County Cup:
Winners: 2018-19
Surrey Intermediate League Cup:
Winners: 1977-78, 1978-79
East Surrey Charity Cup:
Winners: 1977-78
Runners-up: 1960-61
Edenbridge Charity Cup:
Winners: 1971-72, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1989-
90, 1990-91, 1992-93
Runners-up: 1961-62, 1978-79
Edenbridge and Caterham Challenge Cup:
Winners: 1961-62
Runners-up: 1960-61, 1962-63
Oxted and Limpsfield Cup:
Runners-up: 1956-57, 1958-59, 1964-65
Caterham and Purley Cup:
Runners-up: 1960-61
Edenbridge Hospital Cup:
Winners: 1922-23
Horley Hospital Cup:
Winners: 1935-36
East Grinstead Shield:
Winners: 1932-33
Oxted Hospital Cup:
Runners-up: 1960-61
Oxted Charity Cup:
Winners: 1971-72
Keith Hinckley Memorial Cup:
Winners: 1991-92, 1992-93
Kenny Brown Memorial Trophy:
Winners: 1991-92

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Little Common were formed in 1966 as Albion United, originally consisting of two youth teams playing in the local Hastings League. By the 1977/78 season the club were playing in the East Sussex League and won a league and cup double, subsequently joining Division Two of the Sussex County League. Their first season in the League saw them finish in 5th place and reaching the Division Two Cup final, losing out to Crowborough Athletic.

The club changed their name to Little Common Albion after the 1985/86 season, the two subsequent seasons saw them finish in 6th place, however by the 1993-94 the finished bottom and were related to Division Three. The club then finished bottom in the 1994-95
season and left the Sussex County League and rejoined the East Sussex League, however the club found themselves playing junior football after another relegation.

By the 1998-99 season Little Common were back in the East Sussex Premier Division and just missed out on promotion back to the Sussex County League to Seaford, however the club were relegated back to Division One the following season. The 2004-05 season saw Little Common win the East Sussex League and earn promotion back into the Sussex County League. The club gained promotion to Division two of the league by finishing Runners up in the 2008-09 season
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| 05 Sept | Lancing | A | SCFL | L 1-6 | Nairne | Hodge | Field | Naylor | Turner | Shepherd | Lubangi |
| 09 Sept | Langney Wanderers | H | SCFL | D 0-0 | Thurbin | Naylor | Hodge | Fuller | Johnston | Baker | Lubang |
| 12 Sept | Loxwood | H | SCFL | W 2-1 | Thurbin | Shepherd | Hodge | Fuller | Johnston | Mayhew | White 2 |
| 15 Sept | Little Common | H | SCFL | 7:45pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 Sept | Forest Park | H | FAV 1Q | 3 pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 Sept | Broadbridge Heath | A | SCFL | 3 pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 Sept | Eastbourne Town | H | SCFL | 7:45pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Hill Horlock Turner
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| 3 | Eastbourne United | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 6 |
| 4 | AFC Uckfield Town | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | Pagham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | Newhaven | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| 7 | Alfold | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | Lingfield | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | -4 | 4 |
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| 10 | Loxwood | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 11 | Peacehaven \& Telscombe | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 12 | Eastbourne Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 13 | Hassocks | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 3 |
| 14 | Horsham YMCA | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 | -4 | 3 |
| 15 | Little Common | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
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| 18 | Langney Wanderers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | -5 | 1 |
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So, where were we?
It's been six long months since the 2019/20 season came to an end which saw most NonLeague clubs have their campaigns abandoned with roughly half a dozen weeks remaining.

Football is on its way back thick and fast now with the preliminary round of the FA Cup taking place today while some leagues are already several fixtures in.

Steps 3 and 4 get underway next weekend (19th) while the National League will begin on October 3.

There has never been a more challenging time for Non-League clubs and their volunteers, having to implement important Covid-19 regulations and adapt financially.

We've seen over pre-season how well clubs have managed the situation and it is crucial football, particularly Non-League, can continue to prove it is capable of staging matches safely.

At the time of writing, the National League is still waiting for the green light to admit fans it is thought they will be allowed to in time for the season's start.

Below Steps 1 and 2, clubs can allow up to 30 per cent of ground grading capacity at the level.

For most teams, this isn't an issue but league chiefs at Steps 3 and 4 are pushing for the limit to be changed to 30 per cent of ground capacity to benefit the more well-supported clubs.

At this stage, the season getting underway, fingers crossed, won't be too much of an
issue. Bigger problems, perhaps, lie in wait should we experience a second wave of the virus or local areas go into lockdown.

The way this year is going, it wouldn't be a surprise to see a disastrous spell of weather over the winter too!

Only time will tell as to whether Non-League will have to deal with those challenges but for now we should enjoy being back to what we enjoy most, even if the environment has changed somewhat.

Thank you to our loyal readers for supporting The Non-League
Paper throughout the summer!
Even though football came to a halt, we continued to make sure the paper was still on newsstands every Sunday and Monday morning throughout the summer.

We interviewed the likes of Chris Wilder, Les Ferdinand, Stuart Peace and Chris Waddle while doing our best to keep you updated on the latest news - as we have done for the last 20 years!

We're massively grateful to all the players, managers, clubs, leagues and everyone else for answering their phones to talk to us!

But, crucially, we wouldn't have been able to do it without the backing of our readers thank you!

The Non-League Paper is on sale every Sunday and Monday featuring match action, fixtures, results and tables from Steps 1-7

## By Edd Paul

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

The club committee would like to remind ALL spectators who watch Lingfield that they are expected to abide by the club's Code of Conduct whether that be here at Godstone Road or when following the team to their away fixtures.

This is particularly relevant in our behaviour towards match officials. Everyone who partakes in the game at this level does so because they love and enjoy it, whatever side of the fence they are on. Spectators, officials and players have disagreed with match officials since football began and regularly make their views known. However this should not degenerate into personal abuse towards match officials who are doing their job.

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

I WILL:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:
I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
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- Obliged to undertake an FA education course
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- Requested by the club not to attend future games
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